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To the Federal Communication Commission:

As a member of the St. Louis business community I am keenly aware of the economic opportunity and enhanced quality of life for small communities provided by technology. Next-generation 5G Wireless ("5G") will help us achieve these honorable goals if the necessary steps are taken to install required infrastructure. Unfortunately many State and local statutes / ordinances were written for older infrastructure with a much larger footprint, e.g., cellular repeating towers. Resultantly, the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") has a substantial but critical undertaking before it. Specifically, the FCC must forge ahead in streamlining and standardizing of network infrastructure installation processes, i.e., Small Cells.

If individual cities or States cling to outdated policies obstructing Small Cell deployment they will slow a crucial development process benefitting the public at large. This is particularly true for large cities, where policies tying up potential 5G providers make it economically infeasible to deploy 5G in a timely manner. This is why FCC action on this matter is crucial. We need workable, functional rules benefiting everyone as opposed to the current system of a patch-worked regulatory scheme inhibiting the spread of vital technology.

In conclusion, the FCC has done a commendable job of addressing this issue to date, though there is far more that needs to be accomplished. I ask the FCC to keep Small Cell permitting policies and 5G support at the top of the priority list. I am excited by the potential of 5G development that would benefit American communities, and therefore I urge the FCC to continue doing everything within its power to accelerate 5G deployment.

Respectfully,

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